

HOUSE BILL NO. 1538

Introduced by

Representatives Novak, Brandenburg, Davis, Grueneich, Hagert, Hanson, Nelson, Beltz

Senator Conley

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to creating a spay and neuter awareness grant program; to amend and
3 reenact section 4.1-41-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the environment and
4 rangeland protection fund; and to provide an appropriation.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Spay and neuter awareness grant program.**

- 9 1. The commissioner shall create and administer a spay and neuter awareness grant
10 program through the environment and rangeland protection fund.
11 2. The commissioner shall award grants to applicants engaging in:
12 a. Promoting the use of spaying and neutering services in the state; and
13 b. Offering and performing spaying and neutering services in the state.
14 3. In consultation with the state veterinarian, the commissioner shall adopt rules in
15 accordance with chapter 28-32 to implement the provisions of this section.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-41-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **4.1-41-19. Deposit of fees.**

19 The commissioner shall forward all inspection fees, license fees, and registration fees
20 received under this chapter to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit the ~~first~~
21 ~~seven hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars of revenue received from~~ fees
22 ~~received~~ under this chapter each biennium in the environment and rangeland protection fund
23 and any remaining fees in the general fund.

1 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER - SPAY AND NEUTER**
2 **AWARENESS GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any
3 moneys in the environment and rangeland protection fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
4 appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
5 agriculture commissioner for the purpose of creating and administering the spay and neuter
6 awareness grant program under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,
7 and ending June 30, 2027. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time
8 funding item.